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TOKYO AND CANBERRA FOR AMBASSADOR SILBERMAN.

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SUBJ:ILO:POSSIBLE SOVIET DEAL IN GOVERNING BODY AND

CONFERENCE CHAIRMANSHIPS IN JUNE 1976

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1. DEPARTMENT CONFIRMS USDEL'S POSITION AS SET FORTH IN

PARA FIVE REFTEL, THAT USG SHOULD OPPOSE DEAL DESCRIBED
IN PARA 1.

2. FYI WE RECALL THAT WALTER ARENDT, FRG MIN LABOR, TOLD
THE US SECRETARY OF LABOR THAT THE FRG WOULD NOT RPT NOT
MAKE A DEAL WITH THE SOVIETS ON CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE
GOVERNING BODY OR CONFERENCE PRESIDENCY. WE ARE CONFIDENT
THE FRG WILL NOT DEVIATE FROM THAT POSITION. USDEL MAY
INFORM FRG MISSION GENEVA OF THIS UNDERTAKING. BONN MAY
REFER TO THIS IN TALKS WITH FRG. END FYI

3. IF OTHER GOVERNING BODY DELS QUERY YOU ON THIS DEAL,
YOU SHOULD NOT INFORM THEM OF FRG COMMITMENT, BUT YOU MAY
INFORM THEM THAT NOT ONLY WOULD SUCH A DEAL BE UNACCEPTABLE
TO USG, BUT IT MIGHT WELL EXACERBATE TENSIONS BETWEEN USG
AND ILO. OUR OPPOSITION TO HAVING AN EE CHAIRMAN OF THE
GOVERNING BODY DOES NOT RELATE SOLELY TO 1976; IT WOULD BE
JUST AS STRONG IN ANY OTHER YEAR.

4. INFO POSTS MAY USE MATERIAL IN PARAS 1 AND 3 AS BASIS
FOR REPLY IF HOST GOVERNMENTS RAISE MATTER WITH YOU. INGERSOLL

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